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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

REF: STATE 97000 AND MEXICO 3696

1. IN OUR LENGTHY CONVERSATION ON MAY 31, FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA SAID THAT, AFTER SALINITY, THE ONE MAJOR ISSUE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS CONTINUED TO BE QUESTION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. HE REFERRED TO PRESS CAMPAIGNS ON THIS TOPIC IN RECENT DAYS AND SAID PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA REMAINED DEEPLY WORRIED EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW NO IMMINENT SOLUTION WAS POSSIBLE.

2. RABASA SAID HOWEVER THAT PRESSURES WERE SUCH THAT PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SEND INTER- AGENCY GROUP TO WASHINGTON JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS WITH SOME US REPRESENTATIVES FUTURE OF THIS PROBLEM AND WAYS OF AMELIORATING THE TERRIBLE EFFECTS IT WAS HAVING IN MEXICO. I MENTIONED THAT EARLIER US GROUP HAS BEEN DISBANDED BUT PROMISED TO REPORT HIS DEEP CONCERN.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HELPFUL IF A SMALL GROUP OF TWO OR THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON COULD RECEIVE A MEXICAN DELEGATION SOON IF ONLY TO HEAR ONCE MORE
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THE PROBLEMS CAUSED IN MEXICO BY THIS ISSUE EVEN THOUGH IT IS
OF COURSE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
ARE MEXICANS AND THAT THE PROBLEMS IS NOT
CAUSED BY US EXCEPT IN INDIRECT WAYS.
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